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CHEF Monies Support Christian Education

The Congregational Christian Churches have responded to the 7½ million dollar campaign for Christian Higher Education with pledges and gifts in excess of \$6,300,000.00.

The Southeast Convention accepted a goal of \$25 000. The churches of the convention have accepted individual goals that total \$25,436.00. According to the figures tabulated in the convention office a total of \$9 341.00 has been received against these pledges.

The Board of Directors of the convention voted to divide the convention's share of the CHEF receipts, received to date, \$865.71, between The Southern Union College and the Congregational Christian Foundation at Vanderbilt University. \$216.43 was sent to the Foundation and \$649.28 to the college.

President Walter A. Graham of Southern Union College, expressing appreciation to the churches of the convention stated, "This is the very first dollar that has come to the college from CHEF and we are most grateful."

He also wrote, "In accordance with the expressed wishes of the Board of Directors of the Convention, the amount of \$649.28 was applied to the existing indebtedness on the president's home. Our banker was especially glad to see the payment . . ."

More than \$500,000 has been contributed from CHEF funds by the American Board to various educational institutions and enterprises, including \$25,000 for Dansalan Junior College in the Philippines and \$90,000 for theological education in Africa, Asia, and Latin America.

The Board for Home Missions has made gifts of \$100,000 to Pacific University, \$100,000 to Defiance College, as well as gifts to other institutions and enterprises, including "New College", the new United Church College in Sarasota, Fla.

President Ben M. Herbster Addresses First United Church Assembly At Buck Hill Falls

The Christian Church is "one generation away from death," the Rev. Dr. Ben M. Herbster, president of the United Church of Christ declared at the United Church Assembly in January.

In his keynote address to the United Church Assembly, Dr. Herbster warned of dangers to Christianity in the population explosion, the struggle with Communism, and in American secularism and materialism.

The boards and agencies of the United Church of Christ held their first general meeting since the consummation of the union of the Evangelical and Reformed Church and Congregational Christian churches last July.

"The growth of the Christian fellowship is not keeping pace with the growth of the population," Dr. Herbster said. While about one third of the world's population are Christians today, by the year 2000 only about one fifth will be Christians at the present rate, he pointed out.

Emphasizing the duty of the church to "sound forth the Word of the Lord," Dr. Herbster declared, "Every generation must be evangelized. All we have to do is seal our lips for one generation and humanly speaking the church will be no more."

He called on the United Church to "speak with no uncertain note" in the cold war between East and West, "between the people of God and the people who deny faith in God."

He stressed that all is not black on one side or white on the other . . . "and yet having confessed that," he said, "we need also to make it very plain that we are part of a nation, a people, mistaken though we may be at times, who do believe in God, do worship Him, and at least theoretically believe that we should do his will."

Christians have a great stake in the battle with Communism, Dr. Herbster declared, "and the only way to win is to sound forth the gospel, mainly with our lives."

The United Church president warned also against the increase of secularism and materialism in the American churches.

"How many of the standards by which we judge our work, our success, our failures, even within the body of Christ, are not His standards . . . but are the measures we use in business, in banking, in society, in government?"

"We could build the largest and most effective Church organization in the world, but unless something happened to people it would be in vain," Dr. Herbster said. "In His child is the measure of all things."

"That the level of the life of the people shall be lifted — that is what our Christianity must be about. This is the business of the United Church," he said.

Dr. Herbster called for "some sanctified imagination" to find new ways to take the gospel to people.

He scored "preacher talk and professor talk," saying "I am afraid that the average man in the pew does not know what we are talking about and he does not care."

He added, "Eleven o'clock on Sunday morning in a Gothic Church with a divided chancel is not the only time and place that the gospel can be proclaimed."

Dr. Herbster urged greater Christian unity but did not stress more church union. He called for "the kind that will not let us compete anywhere with our Christian brothers; that compels us to cooperate . . . a unity that does not shut other Christians out but makes us all partners."



Rev. Dr. Roger L. Shinn Homeland Board President

The Rev. Dr. Roger L. Shinn, New York City, Professor of Applied Seminary, was elected first president of the Board for Homeland Ministries of the United Church of Christ at its organizational meeting held January 26.

The Rev. Dr. Truman B. Douglass, also of New York, was elected executive vice-president. He has served for 18 years as executive vice-president of the Board of Home Missions of the Congregational Christian Churches.

The United Church of Christ is a union of the Evangelical and Reformed Church and Congregational Christian churches.

The Board for Homeland Ministries is responsible for the denomination's nationwide activities in Christian education, higher education, race relations, health and welfare, church extension, evangelism, publishing, and research.

The 225-member Board chose two lay members to serve as vice-presidents: Mrs. Richard L. White of New Britain, Connecticut, and Theodore R. Schwalm of Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

Rev. Dr. Howard E. Spragg of Westfield, New Jersey, treasurer of the Congregational Christian Board of Home Missions and Pension Boards since 1959, was elected treasurer of the United Church Board. John E. Morse of Montclair, New Jersey, a staff member of the Board's Division of Church Extension, was elected secretary.

Seven general secretaries were named to head the operating divisions of the Board. They are:

Rev. Dr. Purd E. Deitz, St. Louis, Di-

United Church Board For Homeland Ministries Resolution Of Purpose

The United Church Board for Homeland Ministries in this day of terror and opportunity begins a venture of faith.

We come to our task with gratitude for a rich heritage. We are a pilgrim people, a people of the covenant, who whenever we look backward see our fathers looking forward. We think of Abraham and Moses moving into new lands of promise. We think of Jesus Christ, the pioneer of faith, the Lord of a new age. We think of fishermen and apostles, of monks and princes and serfs, of reformers and Pilgrim fathers. Like them we seek a city with foundations whose builder and maker is God.

Today we look at a nation hungry for faith, but often strangely indifferent to the call of God. We see a people on the move, yet defensive in the face of world revolution. We see an affluent society that leaves some in want and lures many to worship mammon. We see in "the land of the free and the home of the brave" denial of freedom and fear of justice.

Our Scriptures tell us that our God is a God of time and place no less than a God of eternity. He who in Christ was reconciling the world to Himself bids us here and now share in the ministry of reconciliation. Our high calling is to participate in the work of Him who came "to preach good news to the poor . . . to proclaim release to the

captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.

Therefore be it resolved:

That we of the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries accept with eager thanksgiving our task as a work of God;

That we pledge ourselves to the tasks of establishing the church where it does not exist, of strengthening it for its redemptive work among men, of communicating the heritage of Christian faith and life to the oncoming generation, of contributing to the redemption of our cities from the consequences of avarice, corruption and planlessness, of fostering the growth of understanding and justice among all races and peoples, of fulfilling the commandment of Christ by works of compassion and mercy, and of exalting God's sovereign truth through the encouragement of higher education and the responsible and creative use of the media of communication, the arts and sciences;

That we grasp our opportunity in obedience to our Creator and Redeemer, in responsibility to those who have elected us to office, in concern for the welfare of God's children on earth;

That we pray faithfully for God's blessing upon every work of our hand that serves Him.

vision of Church Extension; Rev. Dr. Wesley A. Hotchkiss, Halesite, Long Island, Division of Higher Education and American Missionary Association; Rev. Dr. Gerald J. Jud, Cleveland, Ohio, Division of Evangelism and Research; Rev. Edward A. Powers, Boston, Massachusetts, Division of Christian Education; Rev. Dr. Lee W. Rockwell, Philadelphia, Division of Health and Welfare; Rev. Dr. Franklin I. Sheeder, Philadelphia, Division of Publications, and Rev. Dr. Robert W. Spike, Tenafly, New Jersey, general secretary for program.

Dr. Shinn, who will serve a two-year term as president of the Board for Homeland Ministries, is a native of Germantown, Ohio. Educated at Heidelberg College, (A. B.), Union Seminary (B. D.), and Columbia University

(Ph. D.), he taught at Heidelberg and at Vanderbilt University Divinity School before being called to Union Seminary in 1959.

Active in denominational affairs, he served on the Board of Christian Education and Publication of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, the United Church Commission to Prepare a Statement of Faith, and was co-chairman of the committee which organized the Board for Homeland Ministries.

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"By This Shall All Men Know"

A Message — Race Relations Sunday — Feb. 11, 1962

"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.

John 13:34-35

How do people know who and what we are? Only God really knows. He knows us better than we know ourselves. But other people know much about us. One of the most important things for them to know is whether we are disciples of Jesus Christ. How, then, do they know that?

Superficially we distinguish one person from another by his appearance; thus we know something about him from a picture of him. We know about his ideas by analyzing what he has said and written. We know more about him by gathering estimates on him by those who live, work and play with him.

But to know him well we must understand his basic absorbing commitments, his ultimate purposes. For this we must observe his attitude toward other people, how he reacts to all sorts and conditions of men. Is he sensitive to their individual situations? How does he respond to their needs? Is he contemptuous of them in the mass, or is he compassionate? Does he "look down" upon people of other races?

Jesus Christ said: "By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." Thus is the Christian to be judged — by his attitude of love manifested in his behavior. Thus is he to be known for what he is.

The ideas a person holds about race relations are important; but they are not enough to characterize him as a Christian. Any person with a lively concern for justice may have valid ideas about race. If a person is a disciple of Christ, he goes beyond justice—he loves. He loves all of God's children for whom Christ died. Justice is inextricably involved in such love.

Profession of faith in Christ is essential to discipleship; but it must go beyond mere assent of the mind. Faith that is acceptable to God and convincing to men gives evidence of itself in behavior. Yet even good behavior, in itself, may reveal only conformity or consent to prevailing social patterns—a matter of good manners — adopted in order to avoid embarrassment. It

may be for effect.

So the only sure test, for the disciple of Christ, is love.

Love is not reserved for those who are congenial or who are of the same race and nationality. "And if you salute only your brethren, what more are you doing than others?" Moreover, we are commanded to love not only those who love us, but even our enemies.

This test of Christian discipleship is not easy. It may at first be rebuffed by those who have been hurt so much that they fear being hurt again by exposing themselves to another rejection. But persistent Christian love, which is costly, is eventually reconciling, healing, and restorative; for it is a witness to God's love. And God's love is the fact of which we need constantly to be reminded.

We are known better by our attitude of love than by our arguments for what we believe to be right in the matter of race relations or anything else. Unless we have love, argument may be a kind of combat, with loyalty to truth being confused with pride in our own ideas.

Love marks the difference between the disciples of Christ and the doer of good for the sake of credit for righteousness. Christ so loved us that He gave His life for blundering and wilful sinners of all nations and races.

The Church of Christ is to be known by the same test that He set for His disciples. In the church especially, we are called to "have love for one another" across all lines of difference that so often divide people and are so often the occasion for antagonisms.

Love repudiates and casts out whatever gives offense or causes humiliation to others. A church must therefore achieve and demonstrate a unity which manifests the attitudes demanded by Christian faith and discipline. Because of its professed allegiance and standards, it should be a fellowship distinguishable from that of other agencies in the community.

It is not enough for a church to conform to the best practices in the society around it. Rather, it is bound by the test Christ set for His disciples and by which they are to be known. It acknowledges His Lordship; it must so manifest it that all men may know His will for men. A church must be faithful to its calling regardless of what

Service Of Licensure Held For Leslie Brown

Mr. Leslie Brown, a member of the Hillside Congregational Christian Church, LaGrange, Georgia, was Licensed to Preach the Gospel by the East Alabama Association on Sunday, January 7, 1962.

The service, conducted by Rev. John D. Schofield, moderator of the East Association, was held at Hillside Church in the afternoon.

Participating in the service were Rev. Roy Chatham, host pastor; Rev. E. G. Clark, former pastor now serving Mt. Zion and Bethany churches; Rev. Olin E. Sheppard, chairman of the Committee on the Ministry; Mr. H. P. Beaird, clerk of the East Alabama Association; and Superintendent James H. Lightbourne Jr., of the Southeast Convention.

Mr. Brown has taken an active role in the life of the local church. He is also available to help in other churches.

Rev. Arnold Slater has been asked to officiate at the marriage of his niece, Miss Pauline Jackson, during his visit to his home in England in July. Rev. and Mrs. Slater will be attending the International Congregational Council this summer as the delegates of the Southeast Convention.

Rev. Emilie F. Pitcock and Rev. J. H. Lightbourne Jr. attended the United Church Assembly at Buck Hill Falls, Pa., January 26-February 1.

others may think or do.

Christian love requires that we support laws to further justice and freedom in the rights of full citizenship, education, employment, and residence. Above all, we who profess to be disciples of Christ have something even more essential to contribute to race relations — the new commandment to love one another as He loves us. The church needs this active love. Our nation needs it. The world needs it.

On this Race Relations Sunday we should look into our own hearts, repent for our failures and hypocrisies, thank God for His love for all men, and rejoice that we are called by Christ to be His disciples. We must witness to the oneness of God's family through our churches and in our communities. Only then can justice, freedom, and human dignity become manifest through love in our world. "By this all men will know . . ."

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Superintendent's Corner

Many of us are familiar with the Mid-Winter Meetings formerly held by the Congregational Christian Churches. A representative number of people from the Southeast Convention have attended these meetings in the past.

This year the United Church Assembly was held at Buck Hill Falls, January 28-31. It was both similar to and different from the former meetings. It remains to be determined whether such a meeting will become a regular item on the United Church calendar.

However, this first assembly was of particular significance both because it centered on the biennial emphasis of the United Church for 1962-63 — "The Church — a Learning and Witnessing Community" — and because it demonstrated that the people from the two uniting fellowships, the Evangelical and Reformed and the Congregational Christian, are finding a true unity of spirit and purpose in the United Church. It was good to have been present.

Superintendent's Schedule

February 7 — Duncan's Creek Church

February 9 — Meeting of Advisory Committee to Rev. Edward M. Brown, Fellowship Secretary

February 11 — Couple's Club, Atlanta, Central

February 18 — Langdale, Alabama, 11 a. m. Atlanta, Central, 8 p. m., Installation Service for Rev. Frederick A. Meyer

February 20-21 — Pleasant Hill, Tenn.

February 26-27 — United Church Stewardship Council, Cleveland, Ohio

A Minister Replies To Hate Literature

Almost weekly I receive from some unknown benefactor (?) a goodly supply of hate literature of one kind or another. One week it is "anti-Jewish"; another week, "anti-Catholic"; and still another week it is "anti-ecumenical" or "anti-United Church of Christ". As Don Quixote tilted with his windmills, so does my unknown "savant" of democracy tilt with the "Communists".

Without reservation, I believe that the lines are drawn between Christianity and Communism — that the battle between God and anti-God is on in the world today. Here I and my unknown informant are in complete accord. It is his method of doing battle with which I so strongly disagree.

Realizing that we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against powers and principalities, etc. . . I want to do battle with the enemy who is a proven enemy. So here my hate-mongering friend and I come to a parting of the ways. Perhaps it would be better if he got all his hate literature from the same place.

The different hate pamphlets are so inconsistent they only lead me to wonder on whose side my correspondent actually is on. Isn't one of the platitudes of Communism "to divide and conquer"? Yet if White and Negro, Jew and Gentile, Protestant and Catholic, and the various denominations of Christianity are divided, who stands to gain the most — Christianity or Communism? Still this inconsistency of thought continues to exist.

There are those leaflets fully explaining the "Communist-Jewish Conspiracy" (shades of Nazism). How absurd can one get?! If there is a true sampling of the bourgeoisie in the United States, it is found in our Jewish community. This is the middle class of people that are 'outlawed' in Russia and her satellites.

There are stacks of propaganda bemoaning the fact that the Ecumenical Movement is a road back to Rome, while at the same time another bulletin indicates to all United Church people who read it that "The United Church of Christ, the leader of the Ecumenical movement in the U. S." is strictly Unitarian. Now if you are at all acquainted with our Roman Catholic brethren, you are aware a Unitarian would have no place in Rome.

Some of the same literature has informed me that over 1,000 Congrega-

Dates To Remember

March 9 — World Day of Prayer.

Materials may be ordered from Office of P & D, Nat'l. Council of Churches, Dept. FG, 637 125th Street, New York 27, N. Y.

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WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP SPRING RALLIES

March 17 — North Georgia, Demorest

March 18 — East Alabama, Shawmut, Todd

March 20 — Central Alabama (Montgomery?)

March 21 — Central Georgia, Columbus, United

March 22 — South Georgia, Baxley, Friendship

March 24 — South Alabama-Northwest Florida, Crestview, Dorcas

March 26 — North Alabama

March 28 — Kentucky-Tennessee, Nashville

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April 7-8 — Southeast Convention PF-YF Annual Meeting, East Tallassee Church, East Tallassee, Alabama

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April 28-29 — Annual Meeting of the Southeast Convention, Pilgrim Church, Birmingham, Alabama

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May 9-11 — Southeast Convention Minister's Convocation, Southern Union College, Wadley, Alabama

tional Christian ministers are either Communists or dupes — one out of every six ordained ministers. If this were true, with the Communist Party outlawed, isn't it strange there have been no mass arrests to capture all of these communists?

As I read this inconsistent hate propaganda, I wonder about my unknown correspondent. What kind of a person is it who sends out this kind of material while claiming to do it in the name of Christianity and Democracy?

I don't know. I only know that when I read these attacks upon Christ's Church in the world (a fallible body with an infallible Head) I hear the voice of Jesus asking, "Would you not turn away also?" Then I find myself answering, "Who else has the words of Life?" For His words transcend time, nation, and political movements.

(This letter was written by Rev. W. M. McCullars, minister of the Oak Grove Congregational Christian Church, Pine Mountain, Georgia.

People...

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Notes From Southern Union

WALTER A. GRAHAM, President

We are happy to report that enrollment for the Winter Quarter is 24% above that of last year. The drop-outs from the Fall Quarter were less and there were many more new registrations. We are very grateful for the continued high enrollment.

The PERMANENT ENDOWMENT has now gone over the \$51,000.00 mark due to a year end gift from Miss Gladys Green, one of our trustees from Florida, of 30 shares of California Packing Company stock. Our endowment is proud to receive checks, stocks, bonds or any other media of financial value.

The COLDEST WEATHER of the year, perhaps for many years, forced the college to close for three days since the roads in all directions were mere patterns of slippery ice. The president has personal knowledge since he spent 7 hours in coming from Atlanta through the snow blizzard, having to be pulled out of a combined snow bank-icy ditch and arriving home at 1:15 a. m.

The college has suffered 3 FIRES in recent weeks, one in the work shop due to faulty wiring, one in the boys' dorm due to a tossed cigarette by a visiting basketball player, and one in the kitchen due to a gas leak, this one destroying our kitchen stove, table, and nearby shelves. Fortunately, all were contained in a short time with slight damage and no loss of life.

Dialogue, Confrontation, Dichotomy, Involvement, Excellence, Anachronism and Fulfillment were all words thrown around at the annual meeting of the Congregational Christian College Council in Cleveland, Ohio, which the president attended recently. While the colleges differ in geographical location, there are many similarities among the 28 institutions.

THE SCIENCE ADDITION of 4 rooms, 2 for lecture and 2 for laboratories, all with new equipment, the gift of the Churchmen's Brotherhood of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, is rapidly nearing completion. The unseasonable weather has slowed up progress but an early completion date and immediate use appear possible. This is a great addition to the college facilities.

The college basketball team, known as the BISONS, is near midway in its season and has broken about even so

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Barnett Mountain Grove Charter Member

Sister Mary Elizabeth Barnett was born September 18, 1875. She departed this life to be with her Lord and Saviour on January 23 at 9:45 p. m., at the age of 86 years, at the Cullman Hospital. She leaves to mourn her passing nine (9) children — 4 daughters and 5 sons; 34 grandchildren; 55 great-grandchildren; and 5 great-great-grandchildren; one brother; and a host of nephews, nieces and friends.

Sister Barnett joined Mountain Grove Congregational Church at the age of 13 years and was the last surviving charter member.

Among her nephews is the Rev. David W. Clark, who has served several of our churches.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Roger Whitley and the Rev. Dr. Guy L. Colbert. She was laid to rest in Mountain Grove Cemetery.

Southeast Convention PF Officers Make Plans

The Southeast Convention Pilgrim Fellowship officers held a planning session on December 27, 28, 1961, at East Tallassee, Alabama. The district PF presidents were invited to attend this meeting.

Final plans were made for the annual Pilgrim Fellowship Conference to be held on April 7-8, 1962, at the Congregational Christian Church in East Tallassee. Nominations for officers were made for the coming year.

Plans for future conferences were also suggested and discussed at this meeting.

The group hopes for the coming conference to be a very successful one.

Linda Williams

far as wins and losses are concerned. Coach Rochelle has done a good job against many odds, one of them being no gym and irregular hours of practice in the high school gym. A gym would also have helped immeasurably during the period when school was closed and the dormitory students were prevented from going home.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES NEXT MEETING APRIL 12-13. COMMENT CEMENT JUNE 3.

Recent News About Poplar Arbor Church

The 1962 officers and teachers of the Poplar Arbor Church and Sunday School at Doerun, Georgia, were installed at an impressive ceremony during morning worship on Sunday, January 21, 1962. Rev. Gene Vinson, pastor, presided over the installation and preached an appropriate sermon, charging the officers and leaders with their responsibilities.

Installed as church officers were Earl Parker, deacon; Mrs. Earl Parker and Mrs. Scott Morris Jr., deaconesses; and as trustees, Mrs. Robert C. Moss, Mrs. Flora Gill, and Milton L. Ward. Mrs. Milton L. Ward was installed as church treasurer and Mrs. Gene Vinson as church clerk. Steve and Ricky Moss are the elected ushers.

Those taking the pledge to work and lead the Sunday School were Erne Hall, superintendent; Mrs. C. E. Saunders, Scott Morris Jr., Mrs. Earl Parker, and Mrs. Gene Vinson, teachers. Miss Sharon Hutson is the general secretary.

HERE AND THERE

Rev. and Mrs. Dixon B. Stimson and children, formerly of Lake View, Iowa, now are living at Valparaiso, Fla., where Mr. Stimson is the new minister of the Community Church. The Stimsons will be remembered from previous years in the Southeast Convention.

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Rev. Elmer Broetzmann, pastor of St. John's United Church, Cullman, Ala., and Rev. W. Raymond Berry, pastor of the United Church, Huntsville, Ala., exchanged pulpits on Sunday, January 21.

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Special Note — Rev. Elmer Broetzmann has an interesting lecture on Sallman's paintings. He is kind enough to accept the invitations of church groups to present the lecture. He is the pastor of St. John's United Church, Cullman, Alabama.

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Rev. Robert Yoh, formerly on the faculty of Southern Union College, is the writer of materials included on the back of the United Church of Christ Sunday bulletins for the month of March.

Let Us Join Forces In Our Great Hour Of Sharing

Beginning this year most of the funds for the support of World Service in the United Church of Christ will have to be raised on ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING.

Sunday, April 1, 1962, has been set aside as the day for the ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING observance in the United Church.

Church World Service of the National Council of Churches will be seeking to give national publicity and support to the effort. All of the major denominations in the U. S. A. are joining in celebrating the ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING this year.

Through the Tri-Faith campaign of the National Advertising Council broad coverage will be given through radio, TV, outdoor advertising and press media, for the Catholic and Jewish bodies will be making appeals at the same time.

Dr. Reginald H. Helfferich, General Secretary of the Division of World Service of the United Church Board for World Ministries, has stated:

"Calls for help come every day. Floods in Pakistan and Burma; hurricanes in Texas and British Honduras; war in Congo and Angola; refugees in India and Berlin; calls for food, clothing, medicine, and for seeds, tools and farm animals to help people help themselves. You may be assured that your church responds for help immediately!

"When do you — pastor and people in the local congregation — play your part in this glorious service?

"Sunday, April 1, is our One Great Hour of Sharing. The gifts gathered that day will determine what your Division of World Service will be able to do for you throughout the whole of this year."

The new motion picture "HUNGER", a 16mm black and white sound film, is available from the Southeast Convention office. Today's story of human needs and the churches' programs for meeting them are dramatized in this new and imaginative 28½ minute film. Also available is the filmstrip, "The Church and Human Need". Plan now to use them in your church.

Rev. Victor E. Marriott Passes At Pleasant Hill

Memorial services for Rev. Victor E. Marriott, noted Congregational Christian minister, were held at Pleasant Hill Tenn., on Saturday, Dec. 30, in the Community Church.

The services were conducted by Rev. Frank R. Snively, minister of the church. Dr. Paul R. Reynolds, longtime friend and former co-worker of Mr. Marriott's, gave the "In Memoriam."

Victor Marriott was born in Walworth, Wis., on Oct. 1, 1882. After graduating from Beloit College, he did graduate work at Yale University and the University of California, where he received an M. A. degree. He received his B. D. degree from the Chicago Theological Seminary.

Mr. Marriott and Miss Beulah Church were married at Kennewick, Wash., on August 27, 1912. Mrs. Marriott died some five years ago.

During the years of his ministry Mr. Marriott has served on the faculty of St. Paul's Institute, Tarsus, Turkey, and as librarian and secretary to the president of Pomona College in Claremont, Calif. For approximately 16 years he was Director of Christian Education for the Congregational Union of Metropolitan Chicago. During these years he was associated with Dr. Reynolds, then secretary in the Division of Christian Education for the Congregational Christian Churches.

At one time Mr. Marriott was librarian and teacher at the Pleasant Hill Academy. This experience led to his returning to Pleasant Hill on his retirement. At the time of his death on Dec. 27, 1961, he was still active in community and church affairs.

The Rev. Mr. Marriott was presented a certificate in recognition of the 50th anniversary of his ordination to the Christian ministry by Dr. Fred Hoskins, Minister of the General Council of Congregational Christian Churches, at the annual meeting of the Southeast Convention in 1961.

In his remarks Dr. Reynolds observed, "Mr. Marriott might well have used the words spoken by St. Paul near the



L to R: Rev. John D. Schofield, Mr. Bill Robinson, Mr. H. P. Beaird, Mr. Ross McCormack, Rev. Hugh Lasseter, Rev. Olin E. Sheppard.

Bill Robinson Installed New Pastor Elder Church

A Service of Licensure and Installation was held at the Elder Congregational Christian Church, Dadeville, Alabama, for Billy Robinson, who has been serving the church as student pastor.

The service was held on Sunday afternoon, January 21. Conducting the service was Rev. John D. Schofield, moderator of the East Association.

The newly installed pastor is a student at Southern Union College. A member of the Lowell Church, Roanoke, he has been serving the Elder Church for several months.

Rev. Hugh Lasseter, pastor of the Lowell Church and vice-moderator of the East Association, took part in the service.

Also participating were Mr. Ross McCormack, treasurer of the association; Rev. Olin Sheppard, chairman of the Committee on the Ministry; Mr. H. P. Beaird, clerk of the association; and Rev. James H. Lightbourne Jr., superintendent of the Southeast Convention.

A reception followed the service.

end of his life.

"The time of my departure has come. I have fought a good fight; I have finished the course; I have kept the faith."